



## MSHA's Accident Prevention Program Miner's Tip

Safety and  
Health are  
Values!

### When to Stay Inside Your Equipment



3 Deaths have occurred in recent years because pedestrians were struck by haulage trucks or loaders. One unfortunate accident occurred when a loader operator backed over his wife when placing material along a newly installed truck scale.

When you dismount your mobile equipment you become the pedestrian. Unless you are in a designated area for parking and dismounting your equipment, do not dismount. A person outside the cab is exposed to numerous hazards; including mobile equipment, stockpile sloughing, material falling from loader bucket, material falling off trucks, conveyors, etc.

- Require operators to prepare trucks for loading before entering the loading area; truck safety inspection, cleaning bed, checking tires.
- Instruct loader operators to halt loading activities if the truck operator is outside of vehicle.
- Prepare an area where haulage vehicles and equipment operators can safely park during breaks. The area should include ample space for turning and maneuvering when other mobile equipment is present.
- Pedestrians should notify all equipment operators of their location at all times **before** they enter the operating area of the mobile equipment. **NEVER ASSUME YOU ARE IN THE VIEW OF THE OPERATOR - MAKE EYE CONTACT.**

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